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April 24, 2009

Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo
2nd District, New Jersey
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3002

Re: SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization
High Priority Projects
Tuckahoe Road (CR 631) Improvements
Upper Township, Cape May County

Dear Honorable Congressman LoBiondo:

Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders seeks your assistance in securing the necessary federal funds to improve 1.6 miles of Tuckahoe Road, County Road No. 631, between Dennisville – Petersburg Road and Butter Road in the Township of Upper that includes the replacement of the Cedar Swamp Creek Bridge. Tuckahoe Road is part of a major route to the shore community of Ocean City and also serves as an evacuation route in the event of a hurricane striking the Jersey shore.

The existing roadway is in very poor condition and is subject to periodic flooding. Tuckahoe Road has substandard sight distance at the Tyler Road intersection due to the proximity of the Cedar Swamp Bridge. The proposed project will improve the safety of Tuckahoe Road by raising the elevation of the roadway above the 100-year storm elevation, roughly 5 feet. Sight distance will be improved at the Tyler Road intersection by the replacement of the existing bridge with a wider structure containing shoulders. Overall intersection improvements are planned at the Dennisville – Petersburg Road, Tyler Road and Butter Road intersections. This safety improvement project is estimated at \$23,000,000.

Cape May County has held one (1) public information center regarding the project. Meetings have been held with public and regulatory agencies to discuss potential issues with the project. The County intends on holding additional public information centers to inform the public and residents about the project and to gain concurrence for the project. The regulatory agencies may require public hearings prior to issuing permits.

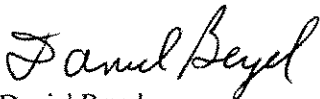
This project is currently generating the necessary studies to support the National Environmental Policy Act documentation process. The County is seeking federal funds to take the project through the design and construction phases.

Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders strongly supports the Tuckahoe Road, County Road No. 631, Improvements between Dennisville – Petersburg Road and Butter Road that includes the replacement of the Cedar Swamp Creek Bridge. This project will greatly enhance the safety of the motoring public and provide Cape May County with a reliable evacuation route for Ocean City and Upper Township residents and visitors.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Cape May County Engineer, Dale Foster at (609) 465-1035.

I look forward to working with you on this highly critical and important improvement project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Beyel".

Daniel Beyel
Freeholder Director

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April 24, 2009

Hon. Frank A. LoBiondo
Member of Congress
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-3002

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

I am writing in support of the Tuckahoe Road Improvements project in Upper Township, Cape May County, submitted by Cape May County for consideration as a High Priority Project in the upcoming reauthorization of SAFETEA – LU. The proposed project will improve the safety of Tuckahoe Road by raising the elevation of the roadway above the 100-year storm elevation, roughly 5 feet. Sight distance will be improved at the Tyler Road intersection by the replacement of the existing bridge with a wider structure containing shoulders. Overall intersection improvements are planned at the Dennisville – Petersburg Road, Tyler Road and Butter Road intersections. Cape May County is seeking \$23,000,000 in federal funding for the project.

The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization fully supports the Tuckahoe Road Improvements project in Lower Township.

Should this project be included in the SAFETEA – LU reauthorization, all of our public involvement procedures for the Transportation Improvement Program will be maintained, including formal public notice, website posting, and presentation at an open public meeting.

No other federal, State, local, or private funding sources are anticipated to be used to advance this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project, and please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Chelius, P.P., AICP
Executive Director

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Cc: Hon. Daniel M. Beyel, Director, Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders